THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 4th April 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Census of the population.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that census will be taken shortly;

(*b*) if so, when the enumeration is to be started;

(*c*) whether any instructions have been issued as to the method of taking census; and

(*d*) whether the census of Andhras will be taken separately?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) A census of the population of India will be taken during the year 1951.

" (*b*) The Government of India have notified that the reference date for the census will be sunrise on the 1st March 1951. The enumeration will begin twenty days earlier to this date, i.e., from the 9th February 1951.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative. The instruction will be finalised shortly by the Registrar-General, Government of India.

" (*d*) In the census questionnaire, there are two questions, one relating to the mother tongue of the individual enumerated and the other to any Indian language spoken by the individual other than his or her mother-tongue. The census will cover every man, woman and child throughout India, irrespective of regional or linguistic considerations, and there will be no separate census of persons belonging, or claiming to belong, to any linguistic group or region."

Cattle-breeding farms in the State.

* 40 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government cattle-breeding farms in the State and the places where they are situated; and

(*b*) whether they are run at a loss or profit?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Seven, Sir.

" They are stationed at—

(i) Hosur, Salem district.

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(ii) Lam, Guntur district.

(iii) Kurukuppi, Bellary district.

(iv) Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam district.

(v) Koila, South Kanara district.

(vi) Tiruvazhankunnu, Malabar district.

(vii) Ootacamund, the Nilgiri district; (sheep farm) not yet established.

" (*b*) Except the Dairy-*cum*-Livestock farm at Visakhapatnam, the other farms are non-commercial ones, and the question as to whether they are being run at a loss or profit does not arise.

" As regards the Dairy-*cum*-Livestock farm at Visakhapatnam it is too early to judge, as profit and loss account has yet to be prepared and the exact position will be known only when the farm is well established."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if there is a great demand for breeding bulls and the Government are not able to meet the demand? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. There is a great demand for breeding bulls. The Government will think of starting farms in other districts and also they are considering the starting of key village schemes."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how many farms will be started next year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" One farm each in the districts of South Kanara, Malabar and Kurnool have been sanctioned."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know on what consideration the farms are discriminated as commercial and non-commercial? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The farms are meant principally for the purpose of supplying breeding bulls and for demonstration purposes. They are not run as dairy farms."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether artificial insemination has been tried by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. It has been tried successfully at the Veterinary College. It has also recently been introduced in the Guntur Veterinary Hospital and Coimbatore Veterinary Hospital."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" If artificial insemination is successful, may I know whether there will be no need for breeding bulls and consequently whether there will be no farms? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Artificial insemination can only be done where there is sufficient cattle population and where facilities for cold storage exist."